

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composite fabric comprising an apertured nonwoven web hydraulically entangled with a fibrous component that comprises cellulosic fibers, said apertured nonwoven web containing thermoplastic fibers, said fibrous component comprising greater than about 50% by weight of the fabric.

2. A composite fabric as defined in claim 1, wherein said apertured nonwoven web is also creped.

3. A composite fabric as defined in claim 1, wherein said nonwoven web is a spunbond web.

4. A composite fabric as defined in claim 3, wherein said spunbond web comprises multicomponent fibers.

5. A composite fabric as defined in claim 4, wherein said multicomponent fibers are splittable.

6. A composite fabric as defined in claim 3, wherein said spunbond web comprises polyolefin fibers.

7. A composite fabric as defined in claim 6, wherein said polyolefin fibers have a denier per filament of less than about 3.

8. A composite fabric as defined in claim 3, wherein said spunbond web is point bonded.

9. A composite fabric as defined in claim 1, wherein said fibrous component comprises from about 60% to about 90% by weight of the fabric.

10. A composite fabric as defined in claim 1, wherein said apertured nonwoven web contains pores having a diameter of from about 200 to about 2000 microns.

11. A composite fabric as defined in claim 1, wherein said apertured nonwoven web contains pores having a diameter of from about 300 to about 800 microns.

12. A composite fabric comprising an apertured, creped spunbond web hydraulically entangled with a fibrous component that comprises cellulosic fibers, said apertured, creped spunbond web containing thermoplastic polyolefin fibers, said fibrous component comprising greater than about 50% by weight of the fabric.

13. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said spunbond web comprises multicomponent fibers.

14. A composite fabric as defined in claim 13, wherein said multicomponent fibers are splittable.

15. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said polyolefin fibers have a denier per filament of less than about 3.

5 16. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said spunbond web is point bonded.

17. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said fibrous component comprises from about 60% to about 90% by weight of the fabric.

10 18. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said apertured spunbond web contains pores having a diameter of from about 200 to about 2000 microns.

19. A composite fabric as defined in claim 12, wherein said apertured spunbond web contains pores having a diameter of from about 300 to about 800 microns.

15 20. A method for forming a fabric comprising:
aperturing a spunbond web that contains thermoplastic polyolefin fibers, said spunbond web defining a first surface and a second surface; and
thereafter, hydraulically entangling said apertured spunbond web with a fibrous component that contains cellulosic fibers, wherein said fibrous component
20 comprises greater than about 50% by weight of the fabric.

21. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising adhering said first surface of said spunbond web to a first creping surface and creping said web from said first creping surface.

25 22. A method as defined in claim 21, further comprising applying a creping adhesive to said first surface of said spunbond web in a spaced-apart pattern such that said first surface is adhered to said creping surface according to said spaced-apart pattern.

30 23. A method as defined in claim 21, further comprising adhering said second surface of said spunbond web to a second creping surface and creping said web from said second surface.

24. A method as defined in claim 23, further comprising applying a creping adhesive to said second surface of said spunbond web in a spaced-apart pattern

such that said second surface is adhered to said creping surface according to said spaced-apart pattern.

25. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said spunbond web is entangled at a water pressure of from about 1000 pounds per square inch to about 3000 pounds per square inch.

26. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said spunbond web is entangled at a water pressure of from about 1200 pounds per square inch to about 1800 pounds per square inch.

27. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said spunbond web comprises multicomponent fibers.

28. A method as defined in claim 27, wherein said multicomponent fibers are splittable.

29. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said polyolefin fibers have a denier per filament of less than about 3.

30. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising point bonding said spunbond web.

31. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said fibrous component comprises from about 60% to about 90% by weight of the fabric.

32. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said apertured spunbond web contains pores having a diameter of from about 200 to about 2000 microns.

33. A method as defined in claim 20, wherein said apertured spunbond web contains pores having a diameter of from about 300 to about 800 microns.

34. A method as defined in claim 20, further comprising stretching said spunbond web before aperturing said spunbond web.